



# Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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## **Statement from PSC Chairperson Burnie Bridge On the Sale of the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant November 19, 2004**

"Today the Commission was asked to look into our crystal ball and determine what is in the best interest of Wisconsin citizens-- not just today, but for the next 25 to 30 years."

"I do not believe that the case before us preserved enough of a Wisconsin voice in critical future decisions like storage of imported radioactive waste and decommissioning of a nuclear power plant located within our borders."

"There is no doubt in my mind that, currently, Dominion is a financially viable company and has the resources to safely operate the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant. However, that may not be true of any future owners and Wisconsin would not have a voice in future sales of the nuclear power plant."

"WPS, Alliant and Dominion made a strong case for this sale and agreed to conditions regarding storage of imported radioactive wastes and returning the site to a green field after decommissioning. I have concerns about the Public Service Commission's authority to impose the same conditions on future owners in context of this application."

"In reviewing the record, I saw that with the purchase power agreement in place until 2013 there is some benefit to ratepayers, but after 2013 all bets are off. In the end, given the uncertainties, I simply could not approve the application as filed."

"With my vote today, Wisconsin will continue to have a voice in these crucial future decisions on Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant that impact our economy and the health and safety of our citizens."